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FOR SMOKERS' PRODUCTS

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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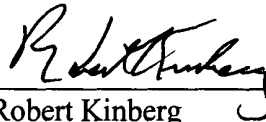
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